

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

By the above amendments, claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-7, 9-11, 13-17 and 21 have been amended for clarification purposes by deleting the phrase "co-emulsification dispersion" prior to "method". Claim 21 has also been amended for clarification purposes, and now recites the phrase "the method comprising forming the colored particulate dispersion by emulsifying and making into particulates an organic solvent phase." Claim 21 has further been amended for readability purposes by replacing "containing" and "contains" with "comprising" and "comprises", respectively.

Claim 3 has been amended for readability purposes by adding a comma between "R₇₅" and "R₇₈". Claim 6 has been amended for clarification purposes, and now recites that "the block copolymer is AB type, B¹AB² type, or A¹BA² type, where A¹ and A² may be the same or different, B¹ and B² may be the same or different and wherein A is the hydrophobic segment and B is the hydrophilic segment," in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 6, and to recite "a" prior to "vinyl monomer A".

Applicants thank Examiner Shosho of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for her time and consideration in participating in an interview with Applicants' representative on April 11, 2006. The Interview Summary accurately reflects the substance of the interview. At the conclusion of the interview, the Examiner agreed that the claim amendments set forth above would be effective to overcome the outstanding objection and rejections.

In the Official Action, claim 14 stands objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c). This objection is moot in light of the above cancellation of claim 14.

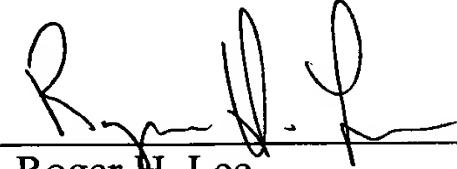
Claims 3-7, 9-11, 13-17 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 3-7, 9-11, 13-17 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As discussed above, the above §112 rejections are moot in light of the present claim amendments. Accordingly, withdrawal of such rejections is respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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